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Dear Sir:

Responsive to the Office Action mailed May 28, 2003, Applicant responds as follows:

Restriction Requirement


The Applicant respectfully submits that examination of all pending claims is not unduly burdensome and can be easily performed given the relationship of the subject matter of these claims. However, in an effort to advance prosecution of the present invention, the Applicant elects, with traverse, Species 4, drawn to an apparatus for treating vascular aneurysms, for prosecution on the merits. Furthermore, the Applicant identifies claims 18, 20-29, and 33 as amended as being readable thereon.

If the Examiner feels for any reason that direct contact with Applicants' attorney will advance the prosecution of this case to finality, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the number given below.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge payment of any additional filing fees or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-1329. A duplicate copy of this sheet is attached.

Respectfully submitted,

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